

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, Roderick Jones, John Lor and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Catherine Emmanuelle, David Klinkhammer and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Member was absent: Emily Berge.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, February 8, 2022:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the January 25, 2022 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Special Olympics of Wisconsin to conduct the Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 5, 2022 on Half Moon Beach.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a new Secondhand Article Dealer license to GameStop, Inc., d/b/a GameStop #1020, 4800 Golf Road Suite 132, Diana H. Saadeh-Jajeh, agent.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Cedar creek Community Church, Rob Gerber, President, on April 29, 2022, at 3520 Eastwind Drive, for Cedar creek Sportsman's Club Banquet.
- Granting a Refuse Hauler license to Harter's Trash & Recycling Inc., d/b/a Harter's Trash & Recycling, 2850 Larson Street, LaCrosse, WI 54603.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, Mark Beckfield, President, 2100 Fenwick Avenue, on April 30, 2022, for a Non-Sibi Awards Dinner - Night of Recognition event.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Intoxicating Liquor (Cider only) license of Cenergy, LLC., d/b/a Mega Holiday #3710, 4304 Jeffers Road, from Samuel G. Jay to Hillary E. Hakes be approved.
- Exempting the City of Eau Claire from the Chippewa County tax levy for library services.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month and further encouraging all people to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and reflection and to continue to work to create a world that is more just, equitable, and prosperous for all.

ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for improvements on the Alley South of Vine Street, Sixth Street to Platt Street (22-501). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on the following streets:

- Bellevue Avenue, Spring Street to Bergen Avenue (22-101);
- Holm Avenue, Ball Street to East Madison Street (22-102);
- Gray Street, South Barstow Street to South Farwell Street (22-106);
- Main Street, South Barstow Street to South Farwell Street (22-107);
- Marston Avenue, South Farwell Street to South Dewey Street (22-108);
- South Dewey Street, 120 Feet North of Marston Avenue to Washington Street (22-109);
- Barland Street, McGraw Street to Chauncey Street (22-110);
- Chauncey Street, Emery Street to Woodland Avenue (22-111);
- Barron Street, Sheridan Road to Addison Avenue (22-114).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on the following streets:

- Bellevue Avenue, Spring Street to Bergen Avenue (22-101);
- Holm Avenue, Ball Street to East Madison Street (22-102);
- Gray Street, South Barstow Street to South Farwell Street (22-106);
- Main Street, South Barstow Street to South Farwell Street (22-107);
- Marston Avenue, South Farwell Street to South Dewey Street (22-108);
- South Dewey Street, 120 Feet North of Marston Avenue to Washington Street (22-109);
- Barland Street, McGraw Street to Chauncey Street (22-110);
- Chauncey Street, Emery Street to Woodland Avenue (22-111);
- Barron Street, Sheridan Road to Addison Avenue (22-114).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TRANSIT CENTER BID

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2022-11, Transit Transfer Center – Bid Package 3, Electrical Work. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CENTER ICE CLUB

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an adjustment to the rent contribution owed by Center Ice Club Foundation, Inc., for use at Hobbs Municipal Ice Center due to COVID-19. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Fire Fighters Local No. 487. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Council considered an ordinance amending the City of Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan as part of the five-year review. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PAY PLAN

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending s. 2.72.010 entitled “City of Eau Claire Pay Plan - Adopted,” specifically those parts thereof pertaining to Eau Claire Fire Fighters, Local 487 employees.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to suspend the rules which interfere with the immediate consideration of the Pay Plan Ordinance.” Said motion to suspend the rules passed by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance amending s. 2.72.010 entitled “City of Eau Claire Pay Plan - Adopted,” specifically those parts thereof pertaining to Eau Claire Fire Fighters, Local 487 employees”. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Council President Weld announced that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the City Council may go into closed session to prepare for interviews of identified finalists for the position of City Manager, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton to “convene into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: February 8, 2022

Time: 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk